

RESOLUTION NUMBER 27

WHEREAS, we pause in our deliberations to recognize an exceptional member of the St. Louis community, S/Sgt Barry French; and

WHEREAS, S/Sgt French was born and raised in the City of St. Louis and is a distinguished graduate of Eliot Elementary and Central High School; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, after completing his studies at ITT Tech, S/Sgt French enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and for the last 19 years has served this country with honor and distinction throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, S/Sgt French has served 3 tours of duty in Okinawa and 4 tours of duty in Iraq, including 2 tours in Operation Desert Storm, 1 tour in Operation Iraqi Freedom and his recently concluded tour stationed in Baghdad, Iraq; and

WHEREAS, during his almost 20 years of military service S/Sgt French has been the recipient of numerous letters of recognition, ribbons and awards, including the Humanitarian Service Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal; the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, 2 National Defense Service Medals and 3 Navy & Marine Corps Achievement Medals-Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, S/Sgt French has been sustained throughout his military career by the love and support of his devoted wife, Danita; their four children, Barry Jr., Charles, Sharonda and Aniya; his loving mother, Deloris Rounsoville and his family and many friends;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis, that we pause in our deliberations to honor S/Sgt. Barry French and to thank him for his outstanding service to this country and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy for presentation to our honoree at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 19th day of May, 2006 by:

Honorable Freeman Bosley, Sr., Alderman 3rd Ward

Adopted this the 19th day of May, 2006 as attested:

Patrick J. Connaghan
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

James F. Shrewsbury
President, Board of Aldermen